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Lieut. Smith

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Bill on Govind Chetty for Mr. Pay's thirty one on account of Pettah? naigs Subsistence for this month

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Dindigul
4th Jany. 1799

(Signed) T.B. Hurdis

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To Mr. Smith

dated 4th Decr. 1799.

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Military

Correspondence

Mr [illegible] Esqr 4

Sir

I have the pleasure to

Inclose you William Hodges receipt for

his Carriage allowance

and am

Yr Hble Servt

J. Smith

Act. Adjt

[illegible] 9th January 77

Service

To R. Hawkins Esqr.

Collector

Dindigul

H. Smith
Fort Adjt.

[illegible]ICE

H. Nolan

P. Pifs (SIN.) 9 Jany 99

Fort Adjt.
9 Decr 98
Recd 11th Jany 1799

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Captain Robertson
&c. &c. &c.
Dindigul

Sir

Mr Assistant Collector Lavie has handed to me your note of yesterday with an enclosure from Captn Johnson – and a list of things taken from Captain Macpherson's tent at Cumarangapolliam –

This morning I received information from the Poligar that a man named Muthun Cawn a servant of Captain Johnson had brought with him from Cumarangapolliam two

the Poligar people - that they might
answer the robbery - or loss -

~~This conduct certainly [illegible]~~

As at matters of this kind ~~are~~
~~must positively~~ officially render me ~~the very [illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ Desire to beg the favour of you to
direct that the people said to be ~~engaged there~~
with the detachment - may be sent
so soon as possible to the cutcherry
- should proof of the theft ~~fall on~~
~~the Poligar~~ be established against
~~the~~ them - they shall assuredly receive
punishment - but should no proof
of theft only attach itself to them - or should they

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be brought to answer the loss only - but discharge them as suspicion alone does not warrant punishment - and the articles stolen or lost do not appear to be such as a Robbery would encumber himself with -

~~and [illegible]~~

I would also beg the favor of you to intimate to Captn. Graham that I would wish on no account any cause of complaint against either Ryots or Polygars but particularly the latter that he would make application to me for redress previous to taking measures himself

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To Captn. Robertson
dated 10th. Jany. 1799
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or in all cases of delinquency regarding
the specified
either the deserters of people or inhabitants
in general the punishment ~~[illegible]~~
is authorized only from the Audience

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servt.

Natchez
Jany. 10th. 1799

The names of the people are
Alexander Folsom & Nathan Pion

Lieut Colonel Brown
Commanding the
Southern Division
of the Army –

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing copy of letter to the Board of Govern[ment] which will shew you my opinion of the State of the ~~[illegible]~~ Posts in the connection which has particularity with the other –

~~[illegible]~~ I have very much reason to fear Amoracy[?] is inclined to be troublesome this to Hitherto as any from any [illegible].

The necessity of the present strong detachment as well to check the Valley

disposition of our own
Poligars as to prevent
the progress of any
treaty from the Sultan
you are certainly well
acquainted with it and
I have now sent the
enclosed to you that
being under [illegible] in hostile
[illegible] — You may urge
the necessity of it both
to Government and
the Commander in
chief in such terms
as you judge most
proper to obtain it
The return of the
[illegible] I am not ready
dispose because I am
unacquainted with
the Grievances of the
Nabob Poligars — but
I am clear the end
with be very serious
both on the Sultan

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lands of the Nabob L
the companys noless
measures are settled
to them to shew a for
together—

I have the honor to
be Sir
Your very obedient
humble Ser

Dindigul
16th June 1799—

To

Lieut. Col. Brown

Dated 16th Jany 99.

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Captn. Robertson
&c. &c. &c.

Dindigal

Sir

I have the honor of sending the under written crime against a Sepoy of my Cacharee Guard —

and I remain

Dindigul
10 Jany.

your very obedient Servant
(signed) Ms. Hardis
Colonel

Crime against Chellimun Sepoy No. 78 of the 2d Company of the 2d 1st Battn. 2d Regt. of Native Infantry —

For suffering a prisoner Alaga-ppa Taliar to escape from confinement during the time he was centry —

(signed) M. B. Hardis
Colr.

To Capt. W. Robertson
dated 19th Jany. 1790

Copy

To T. Hurdis Esq.re

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ... not the honor of being personally ac-
[illegible] ... ainted with you but I should feel
[illegible] ... my respect ... [illegible]
[illegible] ... to lose a moment in acquainting you of the
information I have just received from an Hircarrah
belonging to the Sepedar of this place - from
... I was lately an eye witness to and otherwise
... assurances he has shewn me in respect of this
... of people called Poligars - I am led to conceive
... capable of any & every species of deceit
... & Villainy - but to your superior judgement
and experience I leave the decision of what degree of
credit is to be given to what I am about to state -
my Informant accompanied the Sepoys which I
... with Tappas altho he only just now is
arrived -

from a long Journey – I well know and
cannot be ignorant of the measures
been carrying on by the Vizrapatty
Ramghery – to Endeavour [illegible]
a Negotiation with
~~in the [illegible] of~~ the
Tippo Saib – Nor of the [illegible] certainly
time since were adopted and carried [illegible]
by a part of these people in respect of that
Lukea Naig Sun[illegible]
Man – who ^now I can but suppose is the
of some grand plan in favor of our Enemy
of injury to us – but of this Enough [illegible]
The time now is the grand festivals [illegible]
when thousands of infatuated villains – [illegible]
prodigal rascals resort thither – to make their
to their God – I understand that it is your
practice to go thither to receive their Donations
for the Company – [illegible]

from which circumstance I am the more strongly induced to send you the Information I have now received. — I have written also to the Comr. of &c of Dindegul to send this Express to you in case of your having departed for Pylney — And as the Man is had carr cannot possibly keep up with a second Express I state to you a brief Account of what he says — which is as follows — Viz.

" That he went to Touranconchy Boochee Naig's " Country where he met with the Nabobs friend " Sephal Man (a particular friend of his father " the latter related to him what now succeeds —

" That some of the Inhabitants of Pylney sent " some cloathes & Jewels to a Young Boy a " Descendant or Relation of the late Pollygar " [illegible] now or late in confinement at

" at Dindigul (I believe now in Trichinopoly) to the
" Amount of about 2 or 300 Chuckrums, as it is their
" View and intentions to get the Boy Established as
" Polygar of Pylney in the Room of the deposed
" Man now a Prisoner – This Boy is now
" under the protection of the Veerapachy Polygar
" So placed by the people of Pylney – who have
" promised the Veerapachy & Commodaody Polygar
" a very Ample present & Reward for their assistance
" in Establishing this Boy in the Polygarship of
" Pylney – and they will also be guided by them
" in future in all their Concerns – That as Tomorrow
" Night is the grand Pylney festival – and that it
" Hindi is (according to his usual custom) would be ...
" That it was their plan and intention determined
" to make away with him – Establish the Boy

& which when done— Ausker Kay is to arrive with some considerable force and join them to resist any Efforts of the Company should Government reject the System by them adopted— Mr Boyd remained not Actually at Ogilvy but very near it—

This is the brief— you may hear more particulars when the Man himself arrives I write this under much Anxiety and in great haste therefore (Strangers as we are) I trust You kindly excuse this Scrawl— Such is what I have heard, such is what I write & have deemed it incumbent upon me to communicate to you more particularly from occurrences which have come within my knowledge since commanding this Post— That confidence may be due to this Account

Your

own judgement must decide — I feel myself
much relieved by having thus communicated
the circumstances to You — by their being generally
or early [illegible] the Evil being at all times more
easily prevented if [illegible] to be threatened than
Amended after it fals —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t & Hum.
Serv.t

Manassar
9th Jany
20th Jan.y 1799

C. M. Griffith

9 O'Clo: Evening —

Should any thing really [illegible]
[illegible] I have no [illegible] to [illegible]
I hope this will reach you before [illegible]

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Captn. Gepp

Manapar

Dear Sir

I am very much obliged by your communication - the sepoys arrived about seven this morning - but the Hirkarrah did not come with them -

I shall prevent the favor I intended me from not being at Pylney business called me there in former years and has kept me from it now -

I doubt not the good intentions of Virupatee Commandy - Ramgherry Nutteen & Comarravaun but I trust we shall be able to meet them more than half way -

I shall be happy to have such infor-
:tion as you may obtain directly or indirectly
involving any of my Poligars - as comparison w[ith]
what I may have myself - may enable me t[o]
get on m[illegible] [illegible]

Once more dear Sir accept my
sincere thanks for the motive which [illegible]
your writing and believe to be with great ob-
:ligation for your information —

Very Obediently
& thankfully yours
(Signed) Th: Hard[illegible]
Col.

Divingal
21st. Jany 1799.

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Captn. [illegible]

21st. Jany. 1799.

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Captain Simons
Commanding
Pylney

Sir

I have this moment information of an intended attack on Pylney from the Verupatchee & Commanding Poligar – who is also said are to be assisted by Cuchia Naique – the object is said to be the instalation of Yguppoory Naique in the Pollam of Pylney

It appears from the information received was directed against myself but my also with himself the favor they designed me –

I enclose copy of the information and leave it to you to take such steps as may [illegible] in your opinion be best calculated to subvert their attempts –

I have written the Tahsildar to communicate all he may learn to you and to afford every assistance from the Peons with him that can possibly be given –

I shall order from hence two companies of Peons – to receive your orders and to

remain with you until the past may be over -

Should any thing happen - for altho' I doubt not the intentions I cannot believe that an attempt will be made / you will of course take measures to bring in the nearest outguards to support you - in calling them in (should it be necessary) I recommend the sending the tahsildars peons - that do not belong to the district - because in the case of the attack - there is little doubt but that those of the district will be suspected in some degree in the treachery -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servt

Midnapore
21st Jan 1799 -

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To Captn. Simone
dated 21st. Jany. 1799
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J B Hurdis Esqr

Collector Dindigul

Sir

I was favoured with yours last night about 8 oClock & the Tapsaldar Came to me, & from What he Suggested, I thought it ~~must~~ for the Good of the Service to Order the Guard from Near Kattiam baddy to Proceed & Join the Guard at Balsundrum, & at Night to take Post on the Road Way that leads From Verapachey to the Back of the Hills at Balsundrum, as it was most Probable that would be the Road if they Came, & I have also Called in the Guard From Talcote, as the Tapsaldar did not seem to think that Either of there Guards being away for a few Days would be attended with any bad Consequences, I Had my People all Night on their Arms, & there was Peons sent out, to Keep a look out if any of the Poligars Peons were on the Roads it Was my Intention if I got an formation, to Have Pushed After them With What People I Had with me, I do not think myself they will attempt it at Pres[ent]

There was a Report Here some time ago that such was their intention but I am much inclin'd to think that the Arrival of the Europeans at Dindi-gul has made them lay aside their intentions, at any Rate it Will be as Well to Keep a look out, & be Ready, your Duffadar Arrived this Morning about 4 OClo[ck] & It will be as Well to Keep them, & the Guards are now Posted untill the Feast is Over Which Will be tomorrow, there are a Great Many More People Came than I Expected, & are Still Comeing in the Place is much Crowded, but not so much as it was two Years ago,

The People at Verapachey are I understand under much Apprehen-sion & on the look out Beating their Tom, Toms all night, Should any thing material Occur I will let you Know, & Have the Honor

To be Sir

Your very Obed^t

Humble Servt

J Simons Capt

C^d Palny

Palny Jany 22: 1799

[illegible]

From Captn. Simons
Dated 22d. Jany. 1799
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J. H. Hurdis Esqr
Collector
Dindigul

Captn. Robertson 22 97
&c. &c. &c.

Dundeyne

Sir

I beg the favor of a Supply of Gunpowder for my peons — for which I have the honor of transmitting Indents —

I am Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) H. B. [illegible]
Collector

Dundeyne
the 26 Jan^y.
1779

Captn. Robertson
24th Jany 99.
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Capt.n Alexander Robertson

Commanding 21

Dindigul

Sir

As it is very probable from the complication of affairs that we may be suddenly visited by the Sultauns horse or other force proceeding from the Neighbourhood of Seckra Kuggie or other of the Sultauns conquests and as the Cutcherry without the Pettah wall is extremely unsafe for the treasury and Cutcherry records I have to request the favor of your appropriating some room either in the lower or upper fort for their reception and for the accommodation of the Servants

one Gymnasium and church — who
must necessarily attend them — I have
also to request the liberty of ingress
and egress for those people — to begin
from five in the morning & before
five in the Evening —

I have the honor to be

Dondigul
25th Jany
1790

&c. &c. &c.
(signed) M. Stuart
Colt.

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To
Captn Chs Robertson
dated 26th Jany 1799

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T. B. Hurdis

Collector Dindigul District —

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and tho' there is not a regular quarter with which you can be supplied either on the Hill or under Fort for the purposes you require; still in case it should be found suddenly necessary to remove the public treasure and Cutcherry records, a place therefore for their preservation and reception shall be cleared out as soon as circumstances will admit, in such of the old buildings in the lower Fort that will be found to answer & your people shall be permitted

agreeable to your request a free ingress and egress

at the hours you mention to the place pointed out

for their accommodation —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

Dindigul

27th January

1799

Alex Robertson

Captain Comg

Dindigul

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From Captn. Robertson
Dated 27th Jany 1799

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T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector
Dindigul District

Service
Alex. Robertson
Capt. Comg.

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To [illegible] Marina January 17th 1791.

[illegible] B Harris Esqr Collector of the Provincial
Pittsburgh

Sir

I have the honour to send you an Abstract for Meats for the Detachment from 1 B 3 Regt that was sent to Nelly [illegible] [illegible]

I have the Honour &c
Your most Obt Hum Servt
W. H. Cranston Lt
1 B 3 Regt

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From
Lieut. Cranston
Dated 27th Jany 1799.
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Service

J. B. Harris(?) Esqr
Collector
Dungeral(?)

Hamiltown(?) Cr
1 b. 3 ft.

P Paid 1/2 fine SIN 27th Jany 99

[illegible]

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Lieut. Colmstream [illegible]

Madura

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing bill on Mr. Hughes for the Batta abstract enclosed to me by Lieut. Andrews –

I have to beg the favor of an indent and Certificate for the [illegible] Dumbow Coolies and bullocks supplied to the detachment from [illegible] which I find by the regulations must come from you and be counter signed by Lieut. Stewart –

I am &c.

&c. &c.

(signed) W. Hurdis

Collr.

[illegible]

Jany. 1799

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To Lieut Cranston

dated 1st of 7th 1779

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Lieutenant Smith
Fort Adjutant &c.
Trichinopoly

Sir

Enclosed I have the pleasure of sending bill on Ramanathoo Chitty brother of Goond Chitty for twenty eight Str. Pagodas for the Subsistence of Vellaudu Naigue for the Current month

I am Sir
Your Very Obedient
Servant
(Signed) H B Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
9. February 1799.

To Lieut. Smith

dated 2d Feby 1779

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Captain [illegible] [illegible] Esq[r]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The Province[illegible] have authorized me to raise a number of Soldiers — I should be obliged to you to inform me what quantity of old arms above four hundred [illegible] you can furnish me with ~~[illegible] [illegible]~~ — I am aware of the inconvenients of old arms for the immediate Safety — yet for the good of the Service I hope they may be put in the hands of those that the men may be out in defence of Freedom

[illegible] I must request [illegible] for them — I have this day applied to Government for them

Yours [illegible]

[illegible] 50 [illegible] contracted [illegible]

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fr Col. Mr [illegible] [illegible]

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Captain Robertson

&c &c &c

Sir

I enclose indent for arms which I have to beg the favor of you to supply me with in numbers of about twenty five as I may require —

If you could also supply me with three or four expert naiques or naicu Sepoys to begin training the Sibbendy to the more immediate parts I should feel myself very much obliged to you — they will get Battaa for their extra trouble and I have great hopes your known zeal for the

the Service will Secure to you

readily acquiescence —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient

Llanvaughan — humble Servant

2d Feby 1779 — (Signed) H B Warren

Elector

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3d Feby 1 [illegible] 2

To Capt. Johnst[illegible]

inclosing 2 the[illegible]

for Arms [illegible]

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Captn. Alexander Robertson
&c &c &c

Sir

Please to supply four hundred stand
[illegible]
of old arms for the use of the [illegible]
[illegible] — with old accoutrements in
proportion —

I am Sir
your very obedient
humble servant

Bridgport
9th Feby
1778 —

Copies No. 3.
Indent for Arms —

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Sir

Enclosed I have the pleasure to send you a receiv batta chit for a guard detached from Yerriacottah to escort money to Dindigul & remain

Yours &c

Dindigul Feby 5

Charles H Powell

S. B. Davis Esq.
Philadelphia

From Lieut. Powell
5th Feby 1799.
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Copy of Letter from Major Romney at Palghaut to Mr. Hardis at Dindigul –

I received yours my dear Sir of the 29th on the 2d and dispatched him on the 4th I write just now to announce the arrival of Lt. General Stuart at Cananore on the 3d the preparations for the movement of this army in great forwardness – if you think this an object of sufficient importance and this man reaches you (or Pylney) in three days to forward to General Harris it will shew in how short a time dispatches may be forwarded by some little better management of the post in Malabar – for at present the bearers are as long in going between Cananore and Palghaut (130 miles) as between Pylney and Madras which I suppose near 240 miles we are thus far behind you in regulations

I am very truly yours

(Signed) James Romney

Palghaut 6th Feby. 1799

3 P.m

Received at Dindigul 10th Feby. at 10 A.m

Lieut. General Sir W^m. Dalrymple?

&c. &c. &c.

Camp

Sir

I do myself the honor of trans=mitting the [illegible] copy to you - Major Kenney and my[self] have been in Correspondence [illegible] last - but solely with a tolerable degree of reg=larity -

It may perhaps appear ex=pedient to you to direct more peons from Cannanore to Palghaut - in to facilitate the intercourse in which case I take the liberty of suggesting the propriety of Major Kenney being permitted to place such number of additional peons as he may judge proper his account expenditure to be upon honor -

I mention this because I received orders from Mr. Secy. Webb to open communication with Palghau[t]

& Malabar in those terms – 38

The letters I formerly received have been regularly sent to Govt.

Any Commands you may be pleased transmit I have to beg may be comprised in one or two quills – the Hircarrahs have according to their own account been strictly searched several times when nothing but the smallness of their charge prevented detection –

again should you approve of my Receiving and transmitting your orders under my own hand writing – I beg leave to assure of the strictest attention and secrecy –

All charges that Require a greater degree of security and certainty of being received – I would recommend being sent in duplicate –

I have the honor to be
with great Respect –
Sir
your very obedient
humble Servant

Dindigue
10th Feby 1799 (signed) W. B. Hurdis
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To
Le Adjt Genl Rigaud
dated 10th Feby 1799
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W. Hurdis Esq.

Collector

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 21 instant I beg leave to inform you that from the circumstances stated therein, you may be supplied from the Public Stores for the Sebundy now raising with four hundred of the old Arms i.e. returned into Stores from the 1st & 2d Regiment upon forwarding the necessary Indent and Authority for the same

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient

humble Servant

Alex Robertson

Dindigul

3d February

1799

J. B. Hardie Esqr

Service Collector Dundee

Mr Robertson, District

Capstain [illegible]
Dundee

2e 17 Feb
Thos [illegible] Robertson
Capstain [illegible]

J. B. Hurdis Esqr.

Collector Dindigul District

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of this date covering an Indent for four hundred Stand of old Arms for the use of the Sibbendy peons you are now raising — and tho' it is nessary the Sanction and authority of Government should be first Obtained to there being granted, still considering it is beneficial to the Service that these men should be trained as expeditiously as possible to the use of the firelock, have therefore directed Mr. Conductor Johnson to furnish at once the Compliment of Arms you have required, & to obviate any inconvenience which might be found in your taken at once the whole instead of partially receiving them from the Stores, a place in the lower Fort has been cleared out and allotted

for their reception, whence you can issue them out in such numbers to your Seblendys as you may judge expedient.

Some non Commissioned Officers shall be sent you to instruct them in the use of the firelock.

Dindigul
1st February 1799

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Alex Robertson
Captain Commanding
Dindigul

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J. B. Varnis Esqr

Collector District

Service

Detroit

Alex Robertson

Captain Comy Indiana &c

Dec 11 1809

From Captn A Robertson

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Captn. Robertson
&c &c &c

Sir

your letter of the 3d & 4th inst. I have this instant received - and should it be found practicable to send me the Havildar & Naigue I shall be obliged by your sending them—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c

Dindigul
11th Feby. 1799

(signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collector

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To Captn. Robertson
dated 11th Feby. 1799

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Lieut Colonel Brown

&c &c &c

Trichinopoly

Sir

I have this day at her own request, and the request of Vellaund Naique sent his Mother to Trichinopoly to see him - under charge of a Woole-:cur of his named Bommi Reddy - who has a certificate of which the enclosed is copy -

This Bommi Reddy - is a man very much attached to the Poligar, and about eighteen months since was confined - on suspicion of making collections on account of the Poligar - it appeared that he had been tampering with the Ryots but had not succeeded - he gave security for his future good behaviour and was released in a few days -

Bommi Reddy, Oyhmgopah, Naraum & Coopa were the people who went with the Poligar from Dindigul - and the other servants were sent away

During the last three years

Frequent Messages of which I was apprized were sent to the Pylney Ryots - said to be from the Poligar, ~~during the last two years~~ - but I could never trace out the people who brought them

I have however since learned that there were many go betweens and that the Messages were conveyed by Coolen (now dead) the washerman Curpen & Achalappen to the Kuzgoody people to Pylney - these three with Ramah - Cunny Naigue - I believe ~~Wastoo~~ Balsamoodsum at the time the Poligar was sent to Trichinopoly Bomi Cetty & Pykneafah ~~who~~ have also made several trips this way went to Trichinopoly with him -

I have several times communicated with Major General Floyd - on the subject of these Messages & have received assurances that ~~every~~ means were taken to prevent any thing of the kind happening the number of attendants on the Poligar may how-ever have been the cause - I am well assured how

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as adequate to his wants and proportionate to his income — some others have however since been permitted to go to him — and thence his means of sending backwards & forwards have been enlarged —

I formerly mentioned to Major General Floyd that I could wish all communications the Poligar might desire with his family might be sent thro' me — if simply of a family nature there would be no harm in it but if of a nature different they would be suppressed —

I have now to make the same request to you — and to beg that the attendants may be reduced to their original number — ~~which~~ as more than that number can only increase his expence ~~and~~ without any ^money^ addition to his comfort.

I have the honor to be &c.

Your very obedient

humble serv.

Dindigul

10th July 1799

To Col: Brown

12th Feby 1799.

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The Bearer Bomu Reddy has charge of the mother of Vellaida naigue late Poligar of Pylney who wishing to see her son has been per=mitted to go to Trichenopoly for that pur=pose and the officer commanding Trichenopoly is requested that she may be per=mitted to see her son at such hours as he may deem most proper

Dindigul (signed) Wm. Hurdis Collr.

Feby. 12th 1799.

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Captain Simons

&c &c

Pyhney –

Sir

As I have sent a number of Peons to Pyhney to spread round the boundary – I do not think any further detachments from Pyhney unless on particular emergencies will be necessary. I have therefore to request that on receipt of this letter you will recall all the outposts to Pyhney – and I have further to beg that you will be so good as to see that such Sepoys as may owe any thing to the Ryots or Bazar people in or about Pyhney pay the same duly to the Creditors –

I have written the Tehsildar about the peons and I have directed their stations for them – which are different from what were before as I think it necessary to have an eye on the Eastern frontier – they are as follow –

West	Intteambaudy	1	Daffadar	pcons	30
	Belasamudrum	1	D°	D°	20
North	Kellampokam	1	D°	D°	25
	Columpoondy	1	D°	D°	25
NW	Chundachetty } Vatsai }	1	D°	D°	25
	Kinnear	1	D°	D°	25
	Taliooh	1	D°	D°	25
NE	Malefutty	1	D°	D°	25
		8	D°	D°	200

~~With the above line of Peons across the province and occasional assistance of a guard of Sepoys on necessity ~~it~~ It will be very wise able from the present two number of Sepoys with you to prevent any serious trouble in the district~~

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servt

Fort Royal

16th Feby

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To Captn Simons

16th Feby 99

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Captn. Simons &c. &c.

Pefney

Sir

I have your favor of the 18th -
I have reason to believe Luckia naig
is at Carroor - but should he be raising
men about Nellampallam - I am of
opinion immediate information would
be given by the peons - and as I have
reason to think, if he come, that his
party will be too strong for any
Zemedars party - I thought it would
more essentially serve the cause by
keeping the Sepoys well collected
together under you - that the whole
might act in concert should ne-
-cessity oblige them -

Should

Should you however be of
opinion that the Jemenars party
is necessary to be detached I requ[est]
recommend your suggesting it to
Head quarters as necessary for th[e]
safety of the district—

I have the honor to [be]

Sir

Dundegul
19th Feby 1799

your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. Bow[ser]
Coll.

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To Captn. Simons
dated 19th. Febry. 1799

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Major Lindsay
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

With your leave I shall send the Revenue Cash Chest & the Duplicates not in immediate use into the room allotted for them in the fort - after Gun fire this Evening - and that time in prefe=rence because it will probably be less observed then than at any other time - & I shall be much obliged to you to order such standing guard over it distinct from any other charge as you may deem adequate for its safety -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. B. Hardie
Collr.

[A]ugust
8th. 1799

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To

T. B. Hardie, Esq.,
Collector, &c.,

Sir,

I am this moment favoured with your letter, and shall direct that the allotted place in the Fort be immediately cleaned out, & made ready for the reception of your Cash Chest & Papers.

The place adjoins to that in which the Paymaster's Cash Chest is kept, & the Guard, which now furnishes only one Sentry, shall be augmented that it may supply two, one over yours, & the other over the Paymaster's cash Chest.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your very obed.t Servant,

A. Lindsay
Major
Comd.t Dindigul

Dindigul, 19th Feb.y
1799.

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T. B. Hurdis Esqr
Collector &c
Dindigul

A. Lindsay
Major C.D.

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From Major Lindsay
19th Feby 1799
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T B Hurdis Esqr

Collector Dindygal

I am Duly favour'd with yours of the 15th and am opinion with you, that it Certainly is Better to Keep Tooppy's as much Collected as Possible.

My Reasons for Suggesting a Jemidars Guard from the Information I Had that Luckia Naig was at Carrour & Nellim-pollam, & was Raiseing Peope occurred to me that a strong Jemidars Party with Peons now there, might in the Event of his Coming the Companys Districts Push after him & Prevent doing much mischeif,

But as you Have the Opportunity of much ter information than I Possibly Can have & are of Opinion, that his Party may be too Strong any Jemidars Guard, I think it will be more udent not to run any Risk of Having them Cut f, — and Have

The Honor to be

Sir

your very Obedt

Humble Servt

J Simons

Captn

Feby 21st 1799

Service

T. B. Hurdis Esqr
Collector &c.
Dindigul

A Lindsay
Major C.D.

From Major Lindsay
19th Feby 1799
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T B Hurdis Esq[r]

Collector Dindygul

I have Duly favoured with yours of the 16th and am [of] Opinion with you, that it Certainly is Better to have [the] Peshcus as much Collected as Possible.

My Reasons for Suggesting a Jemidars Guard [was] from the Information I Had that Luckia Naig was [ab]out Carroor & Wellam pollam, & was Raising People [it] Occured to me that a Strong Jemidars Party with [Pe]ons now there, might in the Event of his Coming [into] the Companys Districts Push after him & Prevent [his] doing much mischief.

But as you Have the Opportunity of much [bet]ter information than I Possibly can have & are of Opinion, that his Party may be too Strong [for] any Jemidars Guard, I think It will be more [pr]udent not to run any Risk of Having them cut [off], — and Have

The Honor to be

Sir

your very Obed[t]

Humble Servt

I Simons

Capt

[...]ay Feb[y] 21. 1799

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Capt. Simons

&c. &c.

D. S.

I have your letter of the 21st

to beg the favor of you to use you

deavour to keep peace in the

I fear more the intentions

Serogur Khaw Luckie baig

& I have now ordered three duffat

ore of Peons which with those before

th troops will doubtless give a

ount of those they may fall

in width of the enemy –

I have order'd the Tabsil[...]

you [...] information on [...]

that he may be able to pro[...]

I have th[...]

& [...]

Dandigul
22d. Feby. 1794

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Lieut. Colonel Brown

&c. &c. &c.

Trichin[illegible]

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing copy [illegible] letter and enclosure this day received from [illegible]tary to the Board of Revenue -

the orders appear to me the conse[illegible]nce of a resolution that you should [illegible] the Nett Collections at your [illegible] troops of the detachment - but [illegible] not specify that such is to be [illegible]e - it does not do away the order of the 10th of Jany. for the remittance of balance of Cash to the Presidency - received by me the 16th Ultimo -

But that the Service may [illegible] be impeded - and that whilst [illegible]ference in the above point is making [illegible]nless you are at present furnished

with

with further authority I request th
favor of you to do) I have the p
of stating the cash in hand and
Engagements I am under to the Ma
Paymaster - which will of cou
superseded if you should th
service requires it -

the Paymast
has this Month drawn on
$ Pay[?] more than usual
of which the cash in my
the end of this month
7213.11. I have prome
master of this sum 5000 $ Pay
1st proximo of course there will rem
unappropriated 2213.11 $ Pay[?] at
Service

With respect to
receipts in the next month

be duly advised –

the heavy draughts of the madura paymaster arose from the 1st of the 14th not having received pay previous to their arrival and an ext heavy Indent for cash to be sent on to Major Bannerman for the purr=chase of Bullocks –

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hardie
Colr.

Dindigul
22d Feby
1799 –

To

[illegible] W. [illegible] Brown

d[illegible] 6 Feby 1799

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State of Cash to 22d. Feby 1799

St. Pagodas			287.
New P. N. Pagodas	50	43½ & 16 3/16	41. 11. 5
Old — do.	65	11 6/8 & 16 3/16	53. 11. 7
Baddery Pagodas	303	17 7/8 & 16 3/16	334. 9. 8.
Sultany do.	82	do.	[illegible]. 2. 14.
Ebery do.	17	17½ — 16 3/16	18. 6. 2.
Sauvar Cash	262	21¼ — 16 3/16	343. 15. 3.
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New Fanams Rupees	2875.	4 f. 15 a. do.	876. 15. 1
Old do.	1095	4 f. 12 a. do.	321. 5. 1
Sultany do.	191 5/8	4 f. 13 a. do.	56. 15. 11
Arcot do.	104.	4 f. 1[illegible] a. do.	30. . 7
Companys do.	37	4 f. 7½ a. do.	10. 3. 11
Chintawary do.	31	4 f. 6 a. do.	8. 6. 2
Quarraum Ch.	23. 1/2	@ 1 f. 11 a. pr. fam. do.	24. 2. 2
Gold Pagoda weight	1/2 Pag. Wt. 1/8 fam. weight		1. 14.
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~~State of Cash to 22d Feby 1799~~

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Jn McAlister to
Col Brown of 22d Feby

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The Bearer Komi Reddy has charge of the mother of Vellaida Naigue late Poligar of Pyhny who wishing to see her son has been permitted to go to Trichinopoly for that purpose — and the officer commanding Trichinopoly is requested that she may be permitted to see her son at such hours as he may deem most proper —

T. H. Morris
Collector

Dindigul
Feby 12th 1799 —

The Mother of Vellaida Naigue by her sons desire, this day returns from whence she came

Trichinopoly
21st Feby 1799

C. Brown

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To

J. B. Marsden Esqr

Collector

Sir

I am favour'd with yours of the 22 last Night & you may Depend on it no Endeavours of Mine will be Wanting to Put matters as Quickly as Possible

When the Rum Arrive I Think it will be better to Keep a large Party of them together on the Frontiers in the Direction that an Enemy is most likely to come & In the Event of the Enemy being too Strong, to follow them & Annoy them as much as Possible, Which may Prevent them doing much Mischief Untill Such time Farther Assistance may Arrive &

Have the Honor to be

Sir

your very Obedt

Humble Servt

J Simons

Captn Ry

Pybury Feby 24. 1789

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Captain J. Simons
Commanding Pylney

Sir

I have very strong reasons for supposing from Information I have just received that Suckia naigue and the miscreants with him are meditating a serious attack on Pylney — as he is now reported to me to be with a considerable number of Peons at Pullapulty, a Village about Five Puries from yunnattoo — tis said his route is to be by Patoorvattum of Vuapootelu — Condamettia Gour is with him — whence I judge the attack will be from Taliook to Neelampollam from west to north & from Cotumpoondy Eastward on the Villages on the eastern frontier —

I have directed the Tahsildars to place the Peons at the outposts and those in and near Pylney under your orders for the service but unless you find it very expedient I could wish the Outguards not to be called in — and particularly those from Stations at Gettrem Suddaly —

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) H B Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
27 February
1799

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To Captn Simons
Dated 27th Febr 1779
Copied

Major Adam Lindsay [illegible]

[illegible] Lindsay, [illegible]

[illegible]

Sir

Since this was [illegible] news of a very large assembly of Persons under [illegible] (alias [illegible] Thompson) [illegible] a Village called [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and that their intention is to attack [illegible] and push on to [illegible] by [illegible] (a village of [illegible])

What the strength of the [illegible] may be I know not — but the Fort is better than [illegible] many places [illegible] not to be defended [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] there is one [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] 6 miles [illegible] [illegible] and at [illegible] [illegible] two — which I have ordered [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] as much as possible — at the same time [illegible] will be insufficient — and have to request the favor of you — should you think it

necessary on full consideration of [illegible] there to attach such additional force with an officer as may not only be able to check the [illegible] by their appearance but [illegible] their [illegible] should they have the [illegible] forward to [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] the force of [illegible] to which the officer in command of the [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the duty [illegible]

The [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] supplied — to which however I have added twenty eleven [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] — of which [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] — the other [illegible] as follows,

		Officers	Rank
[illegible] at [illegible] on the duty	1	"	30
[illegible]	1	"	20
[illegible]		"	25
[illegible]	1	"	25
[illegible]	1	"	25
8 – 8 [illegible]	1	"	25
12 – [illegible]	1	"	25

[illegible]
9 [illegible]

To Captn. Trimmer? however your instructions will be necessary [illegible] for regarding the moving out in search of them coming - and I have given orders by the bearer [illegible] to the Intendant to place the [illegible] also under his orders should exchange? require it -

Any letters on this subject to General [illegible] or [illegible] which have quick passage as forward[illegible] as soon as you can possibly send them [illegible]

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant

Dockyard?
27th July
1789
7 1/2 PM -

To Major Lindsay

27th July

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T. B. Burdis, Esqr

Collector,

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this morning, dated half past 7 o'clock, informing me of the news you have just received respecting Lukka Naick, his force, position, apprehended intentions, &c.

As the Subadar carried with him to [illegible]ria-cottah, & I hope has still with him, the Muskets, this strength, with the Peons he has already, & those you have ordered to join him, will enable him, in the event of an attack, to hold out till succoured.

Capt. McLimons's Detacht is certainly adequate to the defence of his Post against any attempt upon it by Lukka Naick with his present reported numbers.

Indeed, Lukka Naick would act very

un

imprudently to make an attack in the Pass at this time, when the Bt Bn of 2d Rt is encamped near this, & ready to march at a moments notice. He should, in sound policy, defer his hostilities till that Bn marches.

In the case of a war with Tippoo Sultan, & Lambier Naick, or any other Poligar, ap-pearing in force, & committing depre-dations in the Co's Southern territory, I am firmly of opinion that the Detachts at Pylims, Jerracottah & Vellacottah, ought to be called in, both to prevent their being cut off in detail, & to assist in forming a body of men to be ready to act against the ene-my whenever their services may be de-emed necessary.

The Bt Bn of 14th Rt, after due regard had to the preservations of the Fort, has but five men for farther Detachments.

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& therefore, if contested, must necessarily act
under the orders of native Officers, as Lt. Pell
(the Adjt.) & myself are the only Officers for
Duty present with the Corps.

I avail myself of your obliging offer to for-
ward Letters to Oglary & Yerriacottah, to
write Captn. Simons, & Mr. Sabatt
at the latter Post, informing them
of the particulars respecting Lucker
March, & recommending the strictest
vigilance, & if necessary the most
strenuous exertions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your very obedt. Servant,

A. Lindsay

Major

Comd. Sindias

Fort, ½ past 10 P.M.,
27th Feby
1793.

Service

To
T. B. Hurdis Esq.
Collector &c
Dindigul

Hindivan
4th C.D.

From Major Munro
Dated 27th July 1799
Copy

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To

J. B. Hurdis Esqr

Collector Dindygul

Sir

I am this Instant favour'd With yours, & I had Already Wrote you What Information I had, I Have Received also a [illegible] from Major Lindsay. As Captn Robertson is now [illegible] camp I Have Recommended that He might be sent to Virapachey [illegible] would then Keep that Poligar in Check & Make him soon call in All his Peons. Murray Rouse Who is now With me on talking over Matters are of Opinion that it Will be [illegible] better to March the Peons at Nellampottam [illegible] Nellacottay [illegible] take and a Party be sent to [illegible] all Assemble at [illegible] [illegible] that is a large Village, & may be of more use in a Body than in a Divided a State,

I do not Myself think it Will be safe moving from this, unless I Have more [illegible] to leave [illegible] Sufficient force, There, Major Lindsay, Writes about [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] Getting Assistance from hence that is a thing Almost impossible & he is nearer at Hand to Afford assistance than this, & as they are in two Parties I think it Will be very improper to Quit this on Any Occasion Without leaving a Sufficient force here, & Should the Battalion Under Captn Robertson be [illegible] away it will make only one Day's March More & would [illegible] Reduce the Strength of Lackie Naig as I am Certain he has Got a Number of Virapacheys Peons, With him, I trust that you Will Approve of the Disposition of the Peons, & believe me Nothing shall be Wanting to Keep all Quiet here. I am Sir Yr Most Obdt Humble Servt

J. Simons Captn Comg
Pylney

May 23d at 12 PM

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Captain Henry Smith
Fort adjutant
Trichenopoly

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing bill to S Pagodas thirty one - for the Subsistence of Vellawa naique late Poligar of Pylney for the Current month -

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
humble Servant
(signed) W.B. Hardis
Collr.

Dindigul
1st March

Captain Simons
&c &c
Pylney

Your letter of the 28th at 12 P.M & one at 9 A.M - I have been favored with - If the Enemy come it will be absolutely necessary in my opinion to move out to meet him unless numbers should be too strong to make it prudent ~~[illegible]~~

- Pylney itself is of no consequence in comparison with the peace of the district and ~~with the~~ exception of a Naique and ten men to guard the Cutche cash chest - dispatches and prisoners - every other Sepoy might go -

There are many reports about Vencutachel and I have very strong suspicions of him

but I do not think he will be so unwise
as to act openly against us until Tippoo gets
a strong force below the Ghauts.

I could wish the guards on the passes
might not be moved without absolute
necessity, as their removal is enticing the enemy
to plunder the villages they are removed from; they might be ordered to
return to any central spot if the Enemy
should be too strong for them, to which
you with your party would move — but
the assembling the sepoys of Nellamcotah
Cotumpoorady & Nelmelly [illegible] at [illegible]
now, is leaving a road from the South
to the North east perfectly free for the
Enemy to enter at — circumstances however
must direct you in your orders and [illegible]

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obed. servt

Dindigul
March 1st. 1749 —

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Copied
To Captn Simons
1st March 1799

Major Lindsay
for F K

Sir

The reports in my letter of the 25th Ult. have proved for the greater part true with respect to the situation & intentions of Leckia Naigue & the other parties.—

Intelligence from Pykey received at 9 P.M. has confirmed the accounts before received of the assembly near Cotamcoondy — and the Tahsildar writes that four hundred Peons from Pennapetchee went by Cotamcoondy to join the assembly — this I hope is not true but I fear tis far from improbable —

Other intelligence says the present Leckia Naigue with 300 horsemen & Peons — the Brinkee Nabob with 100 regular troops 50 horse and 150 Peons and 500 Peons of their Polygars besides those from Pennapetchee — Cundum & Commerabe joined party — that their intention is to establish themselves at Mennuru & proceed thence to Pykey —

Other intelligence points out intention respecting a Zerrecotta attack — which is to be done by Peons belonging to Vellapum of Pongunnpaddy assisted secretly by Peons

in pay of Pemputten Sungei the Sin Rajah of Everything —

The whole of the intelligence tends to one and the same point and [the mode of action] appears planned in concert with the enemy — the [intention] of Hendee & Pirachief ~~...~~

Sebake Your letter of the 27th informs me that the 5th of the Mr. of the Mar. Regiment is fixed to the preservation of the Forts, here but time taken for further detachment, & those few, if sent out, must all partly act under the Orders of native Officers as Lt Scott the Adjutant and myself are the only Officers for duty present with the Corps!!

Such being the case I am at a loss what to do — every person I had here are out to Jancotta & Pyhiny — and I should doubt if Captn. Simon moved out with the Sepoys and that [the distant] posts that his appearance might discourage [the approach of] those Pirates —

It appeared by the letter from [illegible] you did me the favor of containing the mea[illegible]

the village of
that he thought Pybus [?] might be station[ed]
and that he would ~~[illegible]~~ exceed the
order of appointment if he went from the
Cantonment — I have to say Lord Hobart [?]
at any particular instance made Pybus [?]
a command, after Lt Col. [illegible] was removed
for the protection of that District and
as that District is dependent on [illegible]
and you are commandant in the [illegible]
district — I submit to you the expediency
of your order for Capt. [illegible] move[d]
out towards the enemy provided the
hostile force be not so very strong as to
render the measure whether proposed with the [illegible] Pybus [?]
itself — is very immaterial in comparison
with the safety of the district —

Judging yourself of the circumstances I have
now stated — in a military point of view
I have to say that such additional force as you
may deem necessary and which ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ you may be able to afford — may
be sent — if it's necessary though I am no judge
but my requisition is for such as you
may ~~[illegible]~~ think equal to the task of

with Jerusalem [?] I [illegible] —

The movement of any part of the garrison at Grenada [?] would be very unsafe as that part of the country is fully as liable to insurrection as Pyhrey [?] — and the same degree of [illegible] Cunningham [?] who is secretly siding with the enemy is a man of intrigue equally to be dreaded with Laidlie [?] Maguire —

I have the honor to be

Sir

your very obedient

humble servt

Dondrysel [?]

[illegible]

½ past 11 at night

1st March

1799 —

Enclosed

To Mr Lindsay [?]

Date 1st March 1799

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T. B. Hurdis, Esq.,
Collector,

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Sir,

Your letter, dated at ½ past 11 at night of the 1st March, was delivered to me this morning at gun-firing, & I hasten to reply to it.

The strength & arrangement of the troops in this District are adapted to the State of affairs at which the allotment was made, when the only service called for was to over-awe the turbulent Poligars, & to repress domestic insurgents.

By the near prospect of a War with Tippoo Sultaun, the condition of things becomes greatly altered, and, as the 1st Bn. D. Bt. is under marching orders, & consequently not to be continued in the detail of the troops for the

protection of the District, I am left with far inferior means to meet a new & precarious critical State of affairs, to which former arrangements are no longer applicable.

As any force that could be spared from this Garrison would by no means be strong in the Jerracotta's Post as to render it secure against the attack of the numbers reported to be assembled, & assembling, in its vicinity, I see nothing better to be done than to withdraw the Subadar & his Party, & order him to join Captn. Simons.

The expediency of this measure I have already represented to Lt. Col. Brown, & expect his answer by to-days, or tomorrow's Tapal.

I have farther represented, to the Divn. Commandant, that Captn. Simons, when

we

reinforced with the Yorraeottah Parties, might be more serviceable by being encamped, & moving about, than by remaining fixed in his present position at Poshniy.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your very obed.t Servant

Dindegul, 2.d March,
at 6 A.M.
1791.

A. Read
Major
Comm.d

Answer —

Your favor of 6 o'clock I have just Rec.d — and am of opinion with you that [illegible] and that this then may be directly in [illegible] — [illegible] there messengers ready to carry your orders on [illegible] Poshny & [illegible] with as much ~~[illegible]~~ then [illegible]

2.d March
7 1/2 am —

[illegible] —

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From Major Lindsay

2d March

Circular To 6 — 0 — 0

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr

Collector

Dindigul

A. Lindsay

Major

To F 77 42

T. B. Hurdis, Esqr,

Collector,

Sir,

I am this moment fa-
voured with your letter in answer to mine of this
morning.

As I have written to Col. Brown on the subject
of the Jerracottah Guard, & referred myself to
his direction respecting it, it becomes me to
wait his answer, which, as mentioned in my
letter to you, is expected to arrive this day or
to-morrow at farthest.

Should the Peons that threaten Jerracottah
continue to increase, or by any movement
or preparation indicate an immediate at-
tempt on that Post, it may be expedient to
withdraw the Guard without waiting
for Col. Brown's orders, & I beg you will
favour me with such information regarding the
Peons as you may deem interesting.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedt Servt

[illegible]

Dindigul, 2d March at 9 A.M.
1799.

Major Lindsay
&c. &c. Dindygul

Sir

I have this instant your favor dated 9 o'Clk —
of the Military part of the service, you are the better
Judge — My requisition for assistance is founded
on the necessity of preserving the districts and as our
sentiments accord as to the mode most proper to be
adopted — I must confess I think the etiquette of
[illegible] should give way to expedience of the Service

My letter of last Evening states Luchee Naigue's
intention of establishing himself at Kunnoor — [illegible]
Luchee Naigue or his party will attack Yore or the
— That attack it is [illegible] to be by Ukka Gowns [illegible]
Thoreottah is equally liable to an eruption as [illegible]
but is not so much threatened at present — The
withdrawing of the Guard on that fort — without [illegible]
of Capt. Simon's party — would in my Opinion
[illegible] not only by the complete removal of the
force — but by increasing the distance it might
afterwards happen to have in joining — Every

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information I receive, as it comes in — You shall

have — I have the honor to be &c

2nd Month

10 ½ PM

1777 —

T. B. Hindes, Esq

Collector

From Major Lindsay

Date 2d March 97.

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...w Lindsay

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Dindigul -

The force on the Pylney ...
collected by the Dewans & ...
Nayque is still increasing
not with the view of fight...
but to plunder & desolate ...
the country - the alarm ...
~~[illegible]~~ very much ...
and the ryots on the frontier
are reported to be leaving
the Villages -

As I have information that ...
... force is at Caroor - I do
not think - any attack is
likely to be made ~~[illegible]~~ at present, ...
~~[illegible]~~ at Yenoothe - the force
from there might be added
to Captn Simon's party - ... ~~substitute~~ ...
and towards ~~three~~ ...
hundred Peons ~~[illegible]~~ ...
~~[illegible]~~ - in ... ...
...ness in some degree ...
reestablished -

I am led to mention this ...
both the force with the Dewans
and Lucker Nayque ...
be too strong for Capt ...
... my ...

on this account is the more
increased from thy firm con-
-viction of the treacherous
[illegible] the Pennsylvania policy
is privately acting — which will speedily
break out, if the Enemy obtain
an advantage —

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
humble serv^t

Deathyard
3^d March —

To the Presid. Cong.
3^d March

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J. B. Nandis, Esq.,
Collector,

Sir, Your letter of this date is just delivered me —

The business of the Jersey State Guard is before Lt. Col. Brown, the Division Commandant, whose orders on the subject I expect to receive by to-morrow's post —

I have this morning received a letter from Capt. McSimons, acquainting me of such particulars, as respecting the number & designs of the apprehended enemy, as he

he has been able to obtain; from this information, & from what you have had the goodness to communicate, I conceive that Capt. McSimons's Detacht. is fully adequate to the protection of his present Post, P[illegible]

Against desultory & ber[illegible] plunderers, nothing but a chain of Posts could be of much avail; but I hope the preparations going on at Tribenspoly, & the early appearance of that Powerful De-tatchment in the field, will deter Lucker Nowelk, & his Ad-herents

hevents them disturbing the repose
of this District.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir

Your very obedient Servant

Dowdigal 3d March,
1799.

J. Hintray
Major
C. D.

Service

To T. L. B. Gundes Esqr
Collector
D. District

A Lindsay
M. L. D.

Copied

Majr Lindsay
3d. March 99.

82 R — To Major Lindsay

3d March 99.

Major Lindsay

&c &c —

Sir —

I am favored with your letter of this days date —

My letter of yesterday — specified that my requisitions for assistance were founded on the necessity of preserving the district environment & village [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ is very unprotected and is situated at almost the extreme south end of the district near to the Lake — the district spreads from [illegible] West about fourteen miles — & north about ~~twenty~~ twenty seven. The East bound is protected by the [illegible] [illegible] and also the [illegible] road.

thus the whole district may be over-
run ere Pykary itself be attacked -
and it is very likely these banditti
will not go into the face of danger
where their plundering appetite may be
so very easily satisfied without oppo-

If you will have the goodness to
refer to my letter of the 27th ult. you
will observe there are a chain of
posts against plunderers established and that their situ-
-ation is given, in that letter, for your information

Until the 18th ult. these posts
were occupied by Havildars guards
been but indifferently of them ~~which~~ have ~~[illegible]~~
a subaltern party - and my reason for
withdrawing the Sepoys were ~~that~~

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Journey what were likely to happen
from the restless spirit of Indian Nations
that being together they might be able
to act with greater effect than they
could in small parties—

A letter I have received from Capt. Simons
this day—says "the People are ah much
"alarmed and if something is not done
"the Villages will be deserted"— this
argues the necessity of the troops moving
and to give the required protection—

with deference to your opinion
I think there should be an European
officer with those troops [illegible] being
about— and as Capt. Simons is the only
officer and the experience of the service

require it - ~~[illegible]~~ the cantonments of Pyhny being a permanent cantonment can be no apparent reason for his not being ordered out -

I unite with you in the hope that the Trichinopoly preparations will deter Lackie Naig and his adherents and prevent them disturbing the peace of this district but I would much rather he went so far as that his imprudence means enabled me ~~[illegible]~~ the trust to the chance of ~~[illegible]~~ the ~~[illegible]~~ detachment opposing on his force so much as to cause the frustration of his designs -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Ser

Dindigul
9th March
5 PM

To
T. B. Hurdis, Esqr
Collector,

Sir,

I was favoured with your letter, dated this day at 5 P.M., at 7 o'clock in the evening when I was abroad, and delay not a moment, on my return home, to answer it.

By my several last letters you have been informed that I have addressed Lt Col. Brown about consolidating the detachments sent from this garrison, & forming them into a body to be ready to move as the exigency of affairs may require.

'Till I receive Col. Brown's reply to my address, nothing but imperious necessity could justify my acting in the business referred; & of this necessity I do not perceive the faintest shadow, for the accounts which I have received of the apprehended enemy are so various, & in some particulars, so contradictory, that I do not think them fit grounds to act upon.

I hope to receive Col. Brown's answer tomorrow & his consent to measures, which, I trust, will meet your perfect approbation.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedt Servt

A. Murray

Dindigul, 3 March, 1799.

[illegible] Major [illegible]

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Major Lindsay
&c &c &c
[illegible]

Sir

I am this instant favoured with yours of this day at 9 PM — and in reply beg the favor of you to inform me if you have any other ~~them~~ information than such as has been communicated by Captn. Simon or Suggest— if such should be — and you ~~still~~ become thence better enabled ~~better~~ to determine on what necessity may demand — I hope you will not withold it —

The accounts I have received, from different quarters and which I have communicated to you tend all to the point — there is in them no contradiction whatever — and tho you may not perceive the faintest shadow of necessity for acting in the manner required upon any movement of the Sepoys ~~to protect the village & cantonment of Sylhet~~ I feel convinced of its necessity for the protection of the district — for the reasons stated in previous letter —

Should the troops in Sydney be insufficient for that purpose we are without remedy – the consolidating the detachments of Sydney & Jericho & keeping them in motion, is certainly the ~~mode~~ best calculated to render our measures ~~effect~~ efficient against the marauders – but as the delay necessarily attending a reference may be productive of danger it is my wish to shew we have done all we can (by independency of etiquette) to avert the present threatening appearance –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servt

Doudyal
9th March –
10 P.M. –

Service

To
J. B. Hardes Esqr
Collector &c
Dundrigal

A. Lindsay
M.C.B.

3d March
9 P.M. recd
Major Lindsay
[illegible]
11 PM —

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To

T. B. Hardie, Esq.,

I am this instant favoured with yours dated 11 P.M.

The accounts received agree as to a body of Men assembling, but disagree as to their number, position, belonging to [illegible] under whom &c &c.

What I expected has happened. The Frigate is just arrived & I am authorised to detain & employ the 10th Regt. [illegible]

Gerrard dated [illegible] to be reinforced

& Captn Simmons provided immedi-
ately with Camp equipage, to
enable him to move about —

I shall have the pleasure of seeing
You to-morrow morning after break-
fast, & consulting with You about
the fittest position for the im-
mediate encampment of the Battn,
to over-awe, & if necessary, to re-
pel every disturber of the peace.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your very obed't servt

C Lindsay
M.B.D

Fort
March 4th
2 1 A.M.

Camden

I am favored with yours of 4th. [illegible] this inst. —

I have a letter by the express just arrived and on the business with I hope rather easily and smoothly we will in the morning settle some plans to prevent the inroads of these vile disturbers — —

Dear Genl
Wm. French
1/2 after —

Copied

From Major Lindsay

4th March 99.

(Answer enclosed

From

T. B. Hardis Esq

Collector &c

Dunbyall

A Lindsay
No 62

S. B. Harden Esq
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Collector [illegible]

Sir

I am favour'd with your letter of the 1st and 4th my Intention should a Party come within ten or twelve Miles of this to Move out to Meet them, but I should not think myself Justified in Going much further.

Regarding the [illegible] Villages I believe there is no Doubt of their having sent six Men to [illegible] but it is very strongly reported that his son in law went forward with him. On the [illegible] of what he had Done, which Determined him the same Night it is said [illegible] a Man on Horseback to Recall them. It is also Reported that the other Parties with [illegible] left him with a Promise to Return on the Commencement of Hostilities with [illegible]

As to My Moving the Posts to [illegible] as you left it to me to Dispose of them in what I thought for the best I was induced to Move them to [illegible] from a Report that it was likely they would make a Visit to that Place. Had the Villages [illegible] not left the Place in some kind of [illegible] they might be of more Service in order to Receive any [illegible] but as the [illegible] them so scattered as they were [illegible] to have in some Measure Dispersed, I Propose to [illegible] the Posts back to the Villages they were [illegible] from

& have the Honor to be

Sir
your very Obedient Servt

[illegible] March 4th 1791

[illegible]

To

T. R. Munro, Esq.,

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that, in conformity with the Orders of the Division Commandant, a Detacht for Field Service is to be formed, in the vicinity of the Pendals.

The formation of this Detacht will affect the Detachts now stationed at Jerriacotta & Pyliany, & perhaps also at Vellacottah, but to what extent I cannot say till I learn further particulars respecting it from Capt. Brown, of which you shall, in due time, be informed.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your very obedt Sert,

[illegible]

Sindigul,
[illegible] month,
[illegible]9

Major Lindsay
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I am favored with yours of the
date and am very glad to hear of a de-
-tachment being to be formed - I shall
only observe that the withdrawing of any
part of the detail from the fort of Nel-
-lacottah & outguards thereon dependant -
will lay the districts bordering on the
Madura country entirely open to the
predatory incursions of the collieries -
against whom without the assistance
of the sepoys the peons cannot bear up
I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
humble servant
(signed) W. B. Hurdis

Dindigul
7th March
1797

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Copied

From
Captn Smith
dated 7th February 99
recd 9th Do

B C Upp SIN 7th March 99

To

T. B. Hurdis, Esq.r
Collector

Sir,

Col. Brown having ordered the Guard at Jewraiottah to compose part of the Field Detachment to be immediately assembled, I request you will let me know if that Post can be occupied by your Sebbendies alone, where their services will be of infinite more benefit than with the Detachment.

I have to make the like request respecting Pylney, as the Detachment stationed there is to form the basis of the Field Detachment, & will consequently be put [illegible] Days in motion —

I keep Sepoys in readiness to carry orders to Jewraiottah & Pylney as soon as I am favoured with your answer.

The commands of the Division Comt., as you will see by his official letter to me, w.ch I have the pleasure to send for your perusal, are urgent, & admit not of delay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your very obed.t Serv.t

A. Lindsay
Major
C D D

Dendigul, 8th March,
1799

At 1 P.M. —

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To

T. B. Harris Esq

Collector

Henderson P.S.

From Comptroller

Dated 8th March 99

Recd — 9a

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…nor Lindsay

&c. &c. &c

Sir

In Reply to your favor of this moment received - I have to say - One hundred Sibbendy are ready to march to Yerracottea directly - and that the same force is also ready to march to Pyluey -

Understanding that the field detachment is to move Centurury to the districts of Yerracotta & Pyluey - which movement will always keep both posts in the rear - I have no hesitation in saying I think both Yerracottea & Pyluey can be occupied by the

Sibbendies alone - since so long as the force is in front - none but plunderers we presume to attack the rear - and those in large bodies should hope the rest [illegible] would be able to repel -

I have to express a wish that the party from Yerracotta may not march until the Peons have arrived there -

I am obliged by the sight of Lieut Col. Browns order of the 7th instant - and have the honor to be

Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J B Hurdis

Dindigul
8th March
2 1/2 A m

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[illegible] of [illegible]
to Major Lindsay
8th March 99.

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Major Lindsay
&c &c &c
Dindigul

Sir

Your communication of the arrangements for the field detachments and the appropriation of the Sebbundy by Lt Col Brown at the different stations of Pyhney Nellacottah & Guracottah I am much obliged by —

From this arrangement it appears that you would have 170 Seapoys — after leaving twenty Seapoys at Pyhney fourteen at Guracottah & sixteen at Nellacottah and that the 486 Sebbundy Peons were to be distributed at Pyhney 250 at Guracottah 120 & at Nellacottah 116 —

My letter of yesterday will have informed you that under circumstances of the detachment moving centrically to the districts of Jevecottah and Pyhey - I thought both places would be occupied by Peons alone - the number of Peons round the position of Pyhey is now (including the peons in Pyhey) 286 peons - I have ordered 200 more - but of the latter party 100 marched last evening to Jevecottah to relieve the detail of Sepoys at present there - the other 100 - I propose to station in Pyhey for its protection and to move in assistance to any of the outposts the banditti may attack -

Exclusive of the 100 sent last night to Jevecottah - there are ~~three~~ dupp's at Montauna - and three in the taluk of

(about six miles
Genecottee are nearly at equal distance
from Genecottee - and to all of which,
independent of the assistance each
could render the other - the 100 at
Genecottee (~~forming~~ part of them) can
move in assistance -

The field detachment by withdrawing
the companies at Pykeg and Genecottee
I understood from you would be about
two hundred & fifty firelocks independent
of any assistance from Nekacottee -

It appears from Col Browns arrange-
-ment - that the peons were not to be
attached to these sepoys - therefore the
sibbendy strength is 136 more at Pykeg
and 120 more at Genecottee than he had

counted upon whilst the detachment itself is less only twenty Sepoys — and this without touching the Nellacotta company in the slightest manner whatever —

And that the company at Nellacotta may remain as it is at present — is in my opinion absolutely indispensible — the Colleries under Colatappa Naique of Nellacotta and Commi Naique of Sau.. Kotoor of Tinnevelly to the South and those with Baujuny Naique in the hills from Ogimpollam to Rodrangnaor — keep the Cinchion — Nellacotta, Battagoonta Devadanapatty & Periapollam & Andepatti talooks in a constant state of alarm

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they are too numerous for the tibbendy alone to oppose them - and it is only the dread they have of the sepoys and the aid afforded by them to the peons that constitutes the present feeble check upon them - should then any part of the present regular force be drawn from thence - there is not a doubt in my mind but that they with the disposed Polygars before mentioned would desolate the whole of the valley -

The party at Pennakonda from Chitacottah (at the Pennakonda is the proper head quarters of the company) - keeps quiet the Polygars of Vadlaghera - Kodanaigue Tavaceem - Combly - Gunnacanaigue & Guntanaigue

It is from the valley that Dindigul draws the <u>whole</u> of its supplies of grain — consequently should the colleries plunder those ~~country~~ Talooks ~~in the valley~~ we should feel great distress as there is no friendly land either to the East - North or West save the Pyhiny district - and that is ~~[illegible]~~ distinct separated from Dindigul by the pollams of Iyapoor Veerupatchee & Cunnivady — of the treachery of the two last Poligars I have no doubt - and it is hardly to be supposed they would remain quiet should the colleries begin their predatory warfare in the valley -

The consolidating the detachments of Pyhiny & Jyeconta leaves your force less by twenty firelocks than the previous arrangement - but it leaves the

Talooks before mentioned for the same
state of protection that they have been
for some time past - and if that force
and frequently even a larger in time of
peace have been found necessary - ~~[illegible]~~
surely it ought not to be removed on
the commencement of hostilities - and when
as now the colleries are assembled in great numbers
more than ever averse to the Nabobs
Managers - and decidedly determined on
plunder - in which determination
they are confirmed by the Vicinity of the
Commanding & encouraging Polygars
of Dindigul - exclusive of their
connections with those of Madura
and Marawar -

the force in this District is insufficient
~~[illegible]~~ Men are very difficult to be procured
the Sebbundy Corps would be of no use in
the field - the Nabobs Sebbundy are wholly
non effective, in great arrears - without
order or discipline - and subject to
act as collecting peons only -

It is the want of conduct in his
people that imposes this very unpleasant
burthen on us - there appears to me
but one way to remedy it which is
by an application to Govt. to strengthen
the force in this province by some
Reinforcement - who will be more
efficient than the Sebbundy peons and
thence in the end a less expence -

Should this suggestion meet your approba-
-tion & correspond with your sentiments ~~[illegible]~~
~~ass~~ I have to beg the favor of you to make
the application in such manner as you
may judge ~~most~~ proper to effect it —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servt

Dindigul

6th March

1799 -

To Capt.

Major Lindsey

Branch 89th

	S	J	H	A	D	F	P	Sgts	Soldiers	
	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	20	250	Ongsbury
	1	—	2	1	1	—	—	14	120	Jerrardhall
	1	—	2	1	1	—	—	16	116	A. Marathon
	3	1	6	3	3	1	1	52	486	
Detached	3	4	15	15	3	3	5	270		

Murtis Esq

10th

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To be copied

Lieut. Colonel Brown
&c. &c. &c.
Trichinopoly

Sir —

Having on the 3d Feb.y indented [on] the Commandant of Dindigul for any [num]ber of old arms & accoutrements above four hundred Stand — for the use of the Sibbendy Peons — and having forwarded my Indent for the approbation and Sanction of Government — on the 7 Instant I received the following answer —

" The Supply of arms for the
" use of the Dindigul Sibbendies, must depend
" upon the Commanding officer of the Southern
" Division to whom we desire the Collectors
application

application may be Made"—

Captn Robertson with gr[illegible]

humoness that the Pieces might be [illegible] trou[illegible]

ing has dire me over at different states [illegible]

four hundred Stands of which [illegible]

yet ninety five only have be[en] [illegible]

out from the Store —

Should yo[u] [illegible]

to a compliance with this [illegible]

you think it unnecessary — [illegible]

beg the favor of you to signify it soo[n]

as convenience may admit —

I have the hono[r] to be

Liverpool
12 March
1779

Sir
Your [illegible]
[illegible] Servan[t]

(Signed) [illegible]
Clinton

onel A Brown

March 1799

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C. (Copy)

To Major Lindsay

Major [illegible] Dated [illegible] and [illegible] 99

Sir

A letter just now received from [illegible] contains information of an attack threatened by the [illegible] rabble of the disaffected Poligars & [illegible] people. The Tahsildar informs me the same information has been sent to you. I've no accounts whatever about the Vencatachel Poligar whose party is closely linked with the Enemy - If the rabble succeed against [illegible] the mischief will spread very far - that the Pollams of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I have therefore to beg the favor of you to make such movement as may effectually check the insurgents - as soon as possible.

[illegible]

[illegible] notwithstanding great opposition [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and the colonies will [illegible] begin their

operations and the country will be much

distressed &c.

I have the honor to be

[illegible] Sir

18th March Your very obedt.

2 P.M. humble Servant

[illegible]

[illegible]

to be cop[ied]

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Lieut. Colonel Brown
&c &c &c

Sir

The influence of Lechia Naique &
Ghaze Cawn has effectually prevailed over the western poligars of Dindigul - and our means are too small to keep the insurgents quiet - I send you the translate of the declaration of a principal emissary the movements of the 1st Battn. 2d Regt. - disconcerted their projects at first - but since that corps has left this province the rabble has been constantly changing its situation at one time threatening Ossney at another Yeora-cottah, the scheme is deeply laid - the collen are ready and the dispossessed poligars, with the exception of Mamberry are intent on the success of the plans they think will cause the repossession of their pollams -

Every word of the enclosed declaration corresponds with and confirms former intelligence -

Superadded to this I have intelligence this moment from two different quarters of a large body of the Verrapatchee poligars people having gone to Pallapully to join Ghaze Cawn with the intention of

attaching

attacking Mambarra Yerracotta &c. I addressed letter to Major Lindsay and sent it by an express on horse back, copy enclosed for your information, but the moment he quits Pyfney the Rabble under Caudan & the other murderers, who made disturbances in Pyfney in Septr. last, will begin their irruptions.

It however appears to me, if the defence of both cannot be provided for effectually - better to leave Pyfney to the care of the Sebbendy than Yerracotta for if the plunderers succeed at Yerracotta - there is not a doubt in my mind but that the diabolical intention of Lefnays Caun - to destroy & plunder country to Madura will certainly succeed -

Their numbers will increase with their success - and the horse they have, in all so far as I can learn about seventy of every description will carry a terror on the inhabitants that the very few regulars here and Sebbendy cannot do away -

If assistance can be drawn from any place to render us more efficient here I have to beg the favor of your directions for it to increase the Sebbendy, even were

it -

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it possible) is no certain increase of strength more than paying so many for forbearance –

I have written the Madura people on the subject of the collerie & pointed out the principals from whom danger is to be apprehended – but I expect no assistance – from that quarter –

I have repeatedly warned the out guards of Peons & Sepoys – and I feel – satisfied they will do all they can to prevent the impending storm – but I fear all will be ineffectual as the numbers of the enemy must be very many more than they can possibly stand against – and the weakness of the Battalion – renders further assistance from this garrison impossible –

Codawoor of Manapara is under the entire guidance of Veerapatchee & Eamgherry the an enemy of the latter poligar has some time since been ready to plunder in Dindigul province to assist Pulleapanaigue & Ayeracotta in the recovery of their pollam –

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
18. March 1799 –

To Colo. Brown

dated 18t. March 1799

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In letter 22d

To Board —

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Captn Trotter

comg Dindigul

Sir

From information just receiv'd I have strong reasons for apprehending an attack on Manbarra and Yemaneottee by united Rabble of the disaffected poligars and Ghazie cawn people. The numbers are repeated about one thousand - among which are between 60 and 100 horse of all descriptions.

It being a most material object to preserve the country quiet as possible I have to beg the favor of you to inform me if consistent with the sepoys necessarily stopping for the protection of

of the garrison - you can detach any
number in assistance to the piece
(about 250) now stationed there
may be equal to the business of
repulsion and chastisement of
miscreants -

I have the honor to be
Sir

Dinsbyand — your very obedient servant

18. March — (signed) W. Burda
4½ P M. — ???

To Captn Trotter
dated 16th March
1799

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Dunbegan 18 March 6 Oclk P.M.

T. B. Hendee? Esqr
Collector &c

Sir

From the small number of Troops at present in this Garrison, I cannot [illegible] consistent with its safety, and the protection of its extensive [illegible] Detach any number of troops for the service and the Distance to which you mention. I have the Honor to be Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
C. S. Potter?
Capt. Commg

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T. B. Hurdis Esqr
Collector of Dindigul &c. District

to be copied
separate
from my letter

Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 18th current received at ten O'Clock this forenoon p Express, and have to acquaint you that I have dispatched an Order to ~~Mahomet~~ Gholaum Hussein Cawn Bahaudre Commander of 100 Horse, and 400 Infantry (from the Army of his Highness the Nizam) to march immediately from Cuttallum with the Force before mentioned, to join the Detachment under Major Lindsay, whose Instructions he is directed to obey. — The Horse will have a powerful influence in keeping in Check the refractory Poligars, and I trust this Reinforcement will enable Major Lindsay effectually to prevent any Incursion of the Rabble who are assembling on the Western Frontier for the purpose of plundering the Company's Territories. The Bahaudre is instructed to march

by

by the Under Written Route, and to acquaint me of the day he commences his March, of which I will give you immediate Information; and have to request You may dispatch two or more confidential Hircarrahs to meet him at Shoolerumboo, or as much nearer to Curtallum as time and Circumstances may admit, instructing Your People to direct the two Hircarrahs, whom I have sent as Guides to the Bahaudres Party to return to me —

They pay the established Price of the Country for every thing they require, excepting Grass, Wood, & Pots, with which, according to Custom which had previously obtained, they have been furnished since their Arrival at Curtallum on the 12th Curt. Since which they have been so orderly, I have not received a single Complaint against them, though they have been much straitened on the Score of Supplies particularly of Grain, the Crops in that Quarter having

having failed for Want of Rain—

Gelam Hussein Cawn is Brother in law to the Nabob of Kannaul, and by a letter he brought me from Captain Malcolm has the reputation of being a good Soldier

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed Servant

Trichinopoly

19th March 1799

J Brown Maj
Comg So. C

Route from Courtallum

		Miles
To	Potraga putteu	12
	Chentopeny putty	12
	Goosham pary	12
	Vaydasandoor	18
	Shoalerumboo	10½
	Jeriacotta	10½
	Verapatchy	20
	Pyleney	15
	Computed English Miles	110

[illegible] 19th March 99.

[illegible]

T. B. [illegible] Esqr

&c &c

Dunkirque

Brown

19th March Copied

from Col Brown

2 W 2 C

Major Lindsay

&c. &c.

Sir

My previous letters have ad:
:vised you of the threatened attack on
Yerracotta Moombarra & Godam. I have
just now [illegible] accounts more alarming
than ever - and in the hope that this will
find you well advanced towards Yerracotta
I have to say that the party are reported
advanced from Pullapatty under Mahe
uldeen Alli stiling himself a Buxey -
the Peons belonging to Verupatchee Amildar
'atta of Leikee Naigue - this is the trick
to deceive the Sirkar - which I hope
should you get up with them you will
[illegible] them for - I have no reason to suppose

their numbers more or less than mention before

I have the honor to be

Sir

Dindigul

March 23.d 1799

4 1/2 P. M.

your very obedient

humble Servant

Major Lindsay

23.d March

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Major Lindsay

&c &c

Sir

I have only time to say
the banditti have attacked yorra-
cotta and Peons now come in
report its in a state of siege by
Vempatchee & the miscreants
with Tippoos people-

I hope you will move thither
as quick as possible - and do all
you can to drive them away

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obdt Servt

Dindigul
24th March
8 A M:

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Major Lindsay

24th March

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My dear Sir

I have your favour of the 14th.

— Sir, my [illegible] have nothing to do in the business except in believing all the word over and there [illegible] —

When you see [illegible], your [illegible] will not dignify it with the name of

fine — 1 2 3

Between Raphael & Michael Angelo if you ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] by ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the little [illegible] tale

5 6 7

there is very much [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ —

to regain
the critical moment or
of the enemy —

Nothing of [illegible]
motions can be certain to
they not the highth in
the same place —

at Pensacola you'd get
notice — at Columbia de
Vera Cruz you'd get no
supplies — which are
unless you then would
recommend you not to
quit the W I N front

I am glad the bread arrived

[illegible] —

Very truly yours

[illegible] —

Shall not a Letter but send

the [illegible] Paper —

Copied

Morgan Lord Esq

J B Wate

66.

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Major Lindsay

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

From Information just received from Yarmouth dated 11 o'Clock the Rome have been successful against the Enemy attacking, but they have cut off the communication by Tappals I therefore fear you may not have received the many letters I have sent you. I have however earnestly to beg that you will march with all poss:
:ible expedition to Yarmouth

and afford such assistance as
may be in your power.

I have the honor to
Sir

Dindigul — your very obed.^t S

24th. March 1799. (Signed) W. Hu

7. P.M.

A letter this moment received in
the enemy are again collecting
and the Tahsildar knows not
how long he can hold out – if
assistance do not come he mu
give up.

8 1/2 P.M. (Signed) W. Hur

Copied

Major Lindsay

Date 24th Mar

1779

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Lieutenant Colonel Brown.
&c &c &c

Sir

Since my letter of Yesterday I have received a letter from Major Lindsay near Vandalputty — about 8 miles from Jerecotta dated at 9 a.m. 24th — which assuredly will prevent the Poligar banditti making any further attack for the present on Jerecotta — and I hope in some degree restore tranquillity to the districts —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W B Munro
Collector

Dindigul
25 March
11 A.m —

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Lieut. Wm Dawn

Dated 25 March 1779

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To B. Harris Esqr.
Collector of the Dindigul District

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 24th & 25th inst and to congratulate You on the Steady Behaviour of your Sebundys in repelling the Attack made upon their Post at Ooracottai by the Polygar Banditti, and preserving it until supported by Major Lindsey, from whom I have a letter after his arrival at 5 in the Evening of the 24th mentioning that of the Assailants the reports of whose Numbers were variously stated to be from 5 to 1500, some 5 or 6 were killed, and as also variously reported, from 10 to 20 wounded. One of the Sebundies having been killed, and One Wounded. This I hope will deter the Insurgents from making

any

any further Attempt for some time, and as the Field Detachment will move from hence on the 29th current towards Caroor I trust the tranquility of your Districts will be thereby ensured

I have the honor to be

Sir Your most Obedient h[umble servant]

C Brown Lt Col
Comg Sou. Divn

Trichinopoly
26th March
1799

On the Report of the Tahsildar of Jeniacottah Major Lindsay informs me that Peons of the Vorpatchy Poligar were amongst the Assailants.

As Mr Paymaster Hawkins will have the Means of Carrying with the Detachment cash to defray a ten Months Expenses without Drawing upon Your Treasury, I have to request You may comply with Mr Paymaster Hughes's Indent for Cash to

to make his Disbursements for this Month.

C Brown

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From Capt
Lt Col Moran
March 26th

To be copied

~~(Private)~~

My dear Sir

My public letter of yesterday will have mentioned my objection to a division of the field detacht under Major Lindsay whose opinion I certainly object to as well as the inference he makes

he says "the detacht can be solely useful
"against an enemy who thinks himself
"competent to encounter it - and that
"every other enemy will constantly avoid its
approach by dispersion &c -

The use of the detacht has been proved in the relief of [illegible] - and if the enemy avoid it the end is answered in part since its movements on the frontier would have effect in keeping them out. the present policy of the enemy is not to destroy - as yet they have plundered nothing - it is the [illegible] they have [illegible] in many of the villages that prevent the plunder for the present - but were the detacht divided in parties [illegible] further

the assumption of the Pollams by the Poligars or the collection of cash from the inhabitants would be more easy than now because a guard particularly posted as Major Lindsay mentions - would first, be more easily avoided than a moving body - and secondly in point of strength be inadequate to the work of expulsion -

The Watching the movements of the detachment appears to me a matter of no moment whatever or if of any certainly as much in favor of, as against - the protection the quiet of the district -

The Detachment moving keeps a check on the Poligars - for tho' they may watch its movements, they must always be uncertain with respect to its intentions and they are not at present disposed to plunder in the face of it -

The Detachment centrically posted might perhaps protect both frontiers if in division the number should be thought sufficient - for if the whole body of

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the Enemy attacks Pighey – the whole detach-
-ment could move to check – if a diversion
were made for both Greenstown & Pighey the
division of the Enemy would leave it safe
in such case to divide the detachment
which would, perhaps, in both cases be equal to
the work of expulsion and punishment –

You will see by the Uncorrected acct
of this morning that Verapentebe is the
most formidable enemy we have –
Where you intend moving to [illegible]
when if you leave a party – giving me
the before mentioned assistance ah I
trust may be kept quiet yet –

Yours ever truly

J. Harris

March 28th 1791

Copied

to C. Brown

March 28th

Lieut. Colᵒ Brown — to be copied

&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 26 Instᵗ. and although I have hopes that the movements of your detachment to the westward may have effect in quieting the disturbances in the Northern frontiers of this Province - yet without further assistance - the Remains of Property will be in great danger - as I have information that the banditti failed in their attempt on Yeocotta are now assembling

A

as Columbines for the purpose of Making an attempt on Sydney

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J B Harris

25 March
1799

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To Lieut. Col. Brown
&c
Dated 28 March
1779

Lieut. Col. Brown — To be copied 71

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

The letters I have had the Honor of addressing you on the State of the Western Polygars of this District have Probably Detail'd Sufficient of their Conduct to shew the little Dependance that can be Placed in them —

[illegible] However has the Conduct of Verapachey & the [illegible] with him & under his influence [illegible] but it is still less so in Comparison with the Destructive Consequences likely to result from the Assembly of the Western Polygars of Tinnevelly Country at & near Davecharam, —

Disappointed in their Attempt on [illegible] Fath — & in Check from the Movement of Major Lindsay from thence to the Frontier, they are now & have been some days [illegible] doing all they can to Collect the Peons of their own Polygars, in Addition to their own [illegible] Peons & to give Greater Appearance of force they have added two Small Guns to their Assembly & a Parcel of Rocket Boys, the Whole of their Assembly is at Davecharam & Kollengawaddy,

Had we only the External Enemy it is Possible the Present Detachment fully Equipped, might be Equal to it, but a knowledge of the Treachery of Verapachey & since the Almost Certainty of his influencing his own [illegible] the Manjulavoo Polygar & his Cousin the [illegible] & [illegible] Palamcotta Polygar, to act with the Sultan's forces himself at the same time refusing Supplies, which the Detachment [illegible] unequal / In his Present extensive state of Protection to force from him, independent of his Influence [illegible] our [illegible] of D[illegible] & Manachar Place the safety of the Western or North & North Eastern, Districts in a State of much Danger so much so that in My Opinion, unless we have Effectual Assistance speedily sent I think the [illegible] or Sewicotah & the N.E. Pollams must be lost,

The Common & Head Inhabitants of our country [illegible] Davecharam & Kaurungam Known from their acting are [illegible] anxious for the Arrival of our Troops, the Polygars Particularly Dilly, had withheld their Quota of Peons in Expectation of our taking Possession of the Country, but the unavoidable Delay of the Southern Detachment Added to the threats of Ghaugelam & the Dewan, have induced Even these Unfortunate [illegible] to furnished Part of the Numbers Demanded by Verapachey to furnished Part of the Numbers Demanded

&c should the Plundering Parties once be formed Difficult indeed will be the Work of Putting an End to them; the Difficulty will Arise more from their knowledge of our Present Weakness Which will be their Security than from the immediate Str[illegible] of their own.

Plunder & Murder on the Northern frontier of P[illegible] have already been Most barbarously Committed, the Extent of I am not yet informed of

I have the honor to be
Sir
your
Humble Servant
Sign'd Wm. Harden

Castle
Mount Fernandapally
March 30. 1799

30th March
To Col. Brown

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Major [illegible]

&c &c

Camp

Sir/

Since my return hither I have received further intimation of the intended attack on Pyhney which I understand is to be made in two divisions one from Columbum and the other from [illegible] —

At the assembly at Coorta Mardoor and Rullapully appears to be [illegible] up – should any banditti come from that quarter the Peons at Yerecotta and Mombourra will probably be sufficient to give them a beating –

I have therefore taken the

favor

favor of you to afford every possible ass[istance]
to Bryliney — for althou[gh] ... North
Platform are ... more ... to
Secured than Bryliney — ... for
the frontier can not be protected — &
the apprehension of another attack
Yeniotta — being lessened by the dispersion
of the Brin ... — the Safety of Bryliney
can be attended to — I have therefore to
beg the favor of you to act in such
manner as may ... to you to
secure it as expeditiously as pos[sible]

I have the Honor to be
Sir
31 March — Your very obed[ien]t
1787 — humble Servant
Signed J. B. Turner —

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To Major Lindsay
Dated 31st March
1799 -

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To Colonel Fullarton
&c &c &c

Sir,

In consequence of the orders of Govern-
ment dated 2nd July communicated
thro the Board of Revenue under date
1st March – directing me to cultivate a
good understanding with the Polygars
&c of Mysore – and to issue a declara-
:tion in the season tending to impress
them with the advantage they might
derive from forbearance of Plunder
at the same time threatening severe
punishment in the event of their doing otherwise
Have thought it right to direct
the proclamations of the enclosed to
be made in the Annacondala

district to come in your detachment
enter the Indian Borders -

One to each of the Western Poligars
to the same effect - informing in some
instances have omitted not to send
the letter of yesterday's date with their
the course -

I expect [illegible] to learn from it some
every Poligar have been [illegible]
by [illegible] - Of the upper Forces in the
[illegible] there no
doubt [illegible] there some time since
letters from [illegible] some of the principals -
- expressing their wishes for the [illegible]

of our troops to take possession —

Vellum Jour of Pongumpuddy is a party of the first rank — as such in his own country as in the company's — his asylum is within the limits of any Poligar — unto which Pallum — I am informed he has sent the greatest part of his property —

The Jours to whom the countries are addressed are in the management of of Wolliers a division one of the districts bearing the name expressed and opposite the State of Poligar — Eelumnat Vellum Jour is a very indifferent character — lineage and his person (better known under the name of Pongum puddy Vellum Jour) was at the

the attack on Genesotta – in which for[illegible]
of his people were killed – and seven
wounded –

Simpson Cowles are returned and likely
to [illegible] for the purpose of being forward
ed to the Philadelphia [illegible]
from [illegible] Robeson and Jones –

I am the [illegible]

Sir

Your very obedient
humble serv^t

[illegible]
9th April
1791 –

Copied
To Col. Brown
2d April
[illegible]

Lieut. James
F. Adjutant
Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing bill for Star Pag. thirty — for the Subsistence of the late Poligar of Pyluey — for the Current month — I beg the favor of you to transmit me his receipt for the same

I have most particularly to request that the Poligar may be well guarded his uncle is now among the banditti on the frontier of Pyluey and will continue to afford him intelligence — and probably receive instructions from him if possible —

I am Sir
Your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) W. Nurses
Collector

Dindigul
3d April 1799

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Capt. [illegible]

Col. Brown 75

To B— Hardis Esq.

&c &c &c

9th April

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Sir

On the 1st curt. the [illegible]
brought me Duplicate of your letter of the 30th ulto.
and the Original by Tappal came to hand last Evening
on arriving with the Detacht. [illegible]
on the 31st. Ulto., in personal Communication with [illegible]
[illegible] Comr. [illegible] and [illegible]
Comr. [illegible]. I endeavoured, but in vain to persuade
them to detach 100 of their Horse to join Major
Lindsay — It appears from the [illegible] in
which this party [illegible] the [illegible] Army is
composed, of Sillidars having Dependants upon them
Six, Eight, and ten Horse Men to whom they are under
particular Engagements, that the [illegible] have
not in their power to carry into Effect any Orders
for Detachment occasioning a Separation for above One
or Two days — This is particularly unfortunate
as it deprives me of the only Means to send (You [illegible]
immediate Assistance [illegible] so [illegible] Require —
To have detached (on Receipt of Your
Letter as I otherwise should) such assistance from the
force with me, would frustrate the Plan [illegible]

laid down to me by the Instructions of the Command-
in Chief —

By Divn. Or. of [illegible] Adjt. Genl. you
will have been informed that a Company of the
Travancore Auxiliaries is directed to move from Madura
of Dindigul, where I expect they will arrive in
two or three Days hence — From what I saw
of the Company &c. had arrived at Trichy, they
are very promising Troops, and as this will
enable Major Lindsay to move immediately from the Garrison
of Dindigul 100 Firelocks from his own Batt.
to reinforce ~~Pylney~~ your Detachmt. at Pylney and
Periacoolam, I trust that these Posts by the checking
influence also of this Detachmt. will not suffer any
immediate Insult from the Banditti, whose Barbarities
upon the frontier Villagers could only be effectually
prevented by a Force moving to disperse them.

To give Major Lindsay the means of
advancing nearly the whole of the disciplined part of his Batt.
towards the Frontier, Two Companies of Travancore
Troops are directed to move from Palamcottah to
Dindigul by Divn. Or. of this date —

Possession of Caroor (which with the detachment
on the 5th & from the Infantry there probably
will not make much resistance) will probably once
elevate in relief to the Dindigul District — This
is

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not have full Effect, a Detacht. will be moved from
sam to Disperse the Banditti, and ensure the Tran-
quility of the District, until the junction of the foregoing
Reinforcements from Pallamcotta may enable Major
Lindsay to make an effectual Disposition for that
of the Force that will then be with him.
Should Curnor surrender to Summons of
 I have some expectation it will be immediately
Messengers from your Curnor can
 less than 18 hours — With me Daily ha
 the Number of the Banditti — their
 and in case of Necessity of a Detacht. from
 on the Route by which it may
 in the way most likely to come upon
them with advantage.
The Major complains of being
without any Supply of Rice for his Detacht. and at
Bazaar, that he is forced to depend for subsistence
on the precarious supply that may be met with
at each halting place — As I believe it is
in your power to ameliorate that part of his
Situation, I am persuaded you will.
It was my intention that the letter
I am about to write Major Lindsay by the
Bearer

Since I had continued the whole of the foregoing, but interruptions from the Marini and Tinguiani people (850 of whom joined me on the Evening before last) put it out of my power [illegible] as it is [illegible] you [illegible] I request you [illegible] [illegible] of your being separated

[illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] when they [illegible] [illegible] when they [illegible] [illegible] Moreds from the Capital.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient [illegible]

Camp [illegible]
[illegible]
9th April 1799

[illegible]
[illegible]

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Major Lindsay
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have the Honor of forwarding the above for your information —

As I am well informed that Tippoos people are destroying the Grain Collected in different parts of the Country — and as I know the Cuscowally of Columbum yielded much — I have with the view of securing as much as possible for the Service ordered the Tahsildar to take possession of Columbum and take the whole of the Grain he may find — keeping possession of it until he receive further orders —

In case he should in the above Service require assistance from you I beg —

I beg the favor of you to afford it — at the same time I take the liberty to observe that your moving on the East bound. Ryloney and towards the North so as to keep within a forced march of Genl Putty will very much assist in keeping Ryloney & Yerenotta quiet —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W B Munro
Collector
April 6
1799 —

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To Major Lindsay
Dated 6th April
1799

D. Y. No 2.

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Colonel Brown

&c &c &c 138

Sir

I am this inst. favored with your letter of the 2nd inst. and am extremely obliged by the measures you have taken to keep the province quiet -

the fall of Caroor will most likely check the restless Polygars on the North & Eastern frontier of Dindigul - but the capture of [illegible] which is necessary to the quiet of Dindigul and I have information - that the [illegible] [illegible] have orders to collect under the disaffected Polygars - to assist them in plundering the country -

The Pykarry frontier in spite of every vigilance has been severely harrassed by the same barbarous banditti as in Septr. last - aided by the peons of [illegible] and the [illegible] Columbium & Daraporam Durani people on the 2nd my peons fell in with them attacked - beat them and drove them to Columbum - killing many of them supposing [illegible]

or sixty killed and wounded eighth we are sure of (killed) and taking two horses - among the killed was a Gentleman of some respectability - I apprehend him to have been the [illegible] -

The man calling himself [illegible] - is with his rabble at large commanding a short distance westward of Ninnacombee - The party marching to possess that post will easily dislodge him -

Information is just arrived that Indian Rayne himself was shot in the thigh in the 2nd. and that he escaped with difficulty -

In sending force from your detachments to possess Ninnacombee I would recommend the inner or more eastern route by the [illegible] of the [illegible] by Poinconefoddy - as the moving in that direction would likely operate in prevention of any of the banditti getting in to the [illegible] [illegible] - Ninnacombee

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a short distance
is nearly ~~west of~~ Pongoor Paddy — ~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~ The Travancorans
with some of the tamed Polligars might
be put in ~~possession~~ of the fort of Anvar
ambee — which in communication with
the Polligars in Jeressotta and Pallamud an
would should appear be a sufficient
check on the disaffected Polligars and band
itti on this quarter

The Possession of ~~[illegible]~~ Daraporam
Major Lindsay might effect — a party of
fifty sepoys with the Brant or Dhaut would link the
district guns and thy ~~Major~~ post being probably
advanced to Daraporam — would prevent
inroads of the Sultans people either to the
tank the district or to join their arch
thief Vempachee — whose Vakeel
Trimachee Modely is now with the

Bruce of Mangpore at ~~[illegible]~~ College
weekly store by Derrapore – with about
twenty of the Polygar [illegible] –

Darrapore is still a fort – the very
much out of repair – I understand the peons
have orders to return to Cockenghery where
they are to make a stand –

The Major's complaints of being without
~~[illegible]~~ – Pioneers – ~~[illegible]~~ are un-
:pleasant – some Chokeedars were attached
to him ^detachment^ from Ryhury – who left him from what
cause I know not – about the 26th. ult. – I was
^personally^ informed of this by himself on the 29th. – It
undoubtedly – ~~[illegible]~~ I tried to remedy the evil
by ordering the Tahsildar forward on the 30th.
at Commandepetty in presence of the Major
to send some Chokeedars to him – but
he then declined having them

Supplies in the Ryhury district are
not precarious – ~~[illegible]~~ the Dry grain

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rikkajee – ~~[illegible]~~ Vencatachelum – Jenkins of those
towns do not afford rice – not a grain of
paddy having been raised this season in either
of the three ~~[illegible]~~ pollams –

The miscreants in the Darapuram country
instructed and assisted by the Sultan's people are
destroying all the grain they can find by
scattering it in wells & tanks – they are also
doing the same in the Sathiamangalam & Coimbatore
talooks – but in the latter I hope to
save some – having directed the Cutchery
Tahsildars to use every possible endeavours
for its security –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant

Mote Johan
6th April 1799

[illegible]

To Lieut. Colo. Brown
Dated 6th April 1777.
D. G. No. 1.